(iv) Approve projects and schemes for the development of wastelands through Government and other agencies.

(v) Consider and fund projects and schemes of appropriate agencies for wastelands development.

(vi) Promote, encourage and finance development of wastelands in the country through the active involvement of non-Government organisations, voluntary agencies and the public at large, including the landless.

(vii) Collaborate with the Central and State Government departments, agencies, local bodies and voluntary agencies with a view to mobilising manpower, funds and other inputs required for wastelands development programmes.

(viii) Sponsor development of appropriate technology and management; practices for wastelands development;

(ix) Create a reliable data base and documentation Centre on related aspects of wastelands development;

(x) Promote a network of nurseries and "Seed Banks" to supply quality certified planting material and seeds;

(xi) Promote training programmes and training materials for workers at various levels for optimal development utilisation of wastelands;

(xii) Prepare budgetary requirements for the Board and its wastelands development schemes;

(xiii) Interact with financial institutions for funding wastelands development programmes;

(xiv) Create general awareness in favour of wastelands development, specially through the education system;

(xv) Take up studies or set up expert groups for the purpose of preparing projects|schemes|papers, reports etc. on specified schemes;

(xvi) Act in collaboration with the National Land Use and Conservation Board in regard to matters of common concern;

(xvii) Consider and undertake all other measures necessary for promoting the development of wastelands.

Expenditure incurred on Election Campaign by Prime Minister

*270. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the dates on which the Prime Minister visited various States in connection with the election campaign for the elections held on March 23, 1987;

(b) what is the number of election meetings held by him in each State; and

(c) what is the total expenditure incurred by each State on security arrangements, etc. for the Prime Minister in this context?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH: (a)

West Bengal	March 5, 6, 14, 19, 20 and 21 1987.
Kerala	March 7, 15, 16 and 20, 1987.
J&K	March 17, 18 and 20, 1987.
(b) West Bengal	75
Kerala	53
J&K	24

(c) The security of the Prime Minister is the concern of the State Governments & UT Administrations within whose jurisdiction the Prime Minister happens to be. It is difficult to quantity the expenditures.

Sugar imported by the STC

*271. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of sugar imported during the last three years and the amount in foreign exchange paid against each contract by the State Trading Corporation;

(b) the cost of handling charges (with break up) per tonne against each contract charged by the State Trading Corporation during the above period;

(c) the amount paid to the Indian Sugar Industry Export Corporation for handling imported sugar (loading|unloading) by the State Trading Corporation against each contract with percentage;

(d) the transit losses incurred by the State Trading Corporation with quantity against each contract with percentage; and

(e) the complaints of malpractices received against the officials of the State Trading Corporation and the action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) The quantity of sugar imported by STC during the last three financial years is given below:—

Financial Year	Qty. (lakh MT)	CIF Value (Rs. crores)	Weighted average CIF price (Rs./MT)
1984-85	4·96	113·62	2291
1985-86	20.33	449·29	2210
1986-87	7·95	212.00	2667

This sugar was purchased at prevailing international market prices and foreign exchange against each contract was paid accordingly.

(b) Under the existing practice, service charges and over-heads are charged by STC on annual basis on the quantity sold in each year in addition to port handling charges, godown rent, godown insurance etc. On this basis, STC's service charges and overheads per metric tonne are given below:—

Financial Year	STC's service charges (Rs. /MT)	STC's overheads (Rs./MT)
1984-85	11·45	25.65
1985-86	11·05	30.02
1986-87 (Prov.)	13·00	40.00